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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 1163

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR PARM PLOS ICRC UR US  
SUBJECT: US-SOVIET MARITIME BOUNDARY; CONSULTATIONS ON HUMANITARIAN  
LAW; LOS INTERSESSIONAL MEETING

REF: (A) STATE 013984, (B) STATE 012990, (C) STATE 003591

1. EMBOFF CALLED ON MFA TREATY AND LEGAL DIVISION  
(KHABIROV) ON JAN. 24 TO DELIVER NOTE IN REFTEL A (COPY  
POUCHED TO DEPT/L). KHABIROV WENT OVER THE NOTE CAREFULLY  
AND LOOKED UP SOVIET TEXT OF 1867 CONVENTION ON MARITIME  
BOUNDARIES. BETWEEN ALASKA AND SIBERIA, BUT HE DID NOT  
OFFER SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT. HE DID ASK, AS A PERSONAL  
ASIDE, WHETHER IT WAS NOT CUSTOMARY TO NEGOTIATE OR AT  
LEAST DISCUSS SUCH MATTERS BEFORE GIVING NOTICE ABOUT  
ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS. HE ADDED THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE  
THAT THE QUESTION HAD BEEN DISCUSSED IN CONNECTION WITH  
THE BILATERAL FISHING AGREEMENT SIGNED IN NOVEMBER.  
(HABIROV CONCLUDED THAT THE SOVIET SIDE WOULD STUDY  
THE NOTE AND WOULD INFORM THE EMBASSY IF IT HAD ANY  
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FORMAL RESPONSE.

2. EMBOFF ALSO DISCUSSED WITH KHABIROV BILATERAL  
CONSULTATIONS ON INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW,  
INDICATING THAT FEBRUARY 18 AND 19 WERE THE ONLY  
POSSIBLE DATES FOR U.S. PREFERENCE FOR GENEVA AS SITE (REF B).  
KHABIROV NOTED THIS POSITION AND PROMISED TO INFORM

THE EMBASSY OF THE SOVIET RESPONSE.

3. REGARDING THE LOS INTERSESSIONAL MEETING ON  
COMMITTEE I MATTERS IN GENEVA (REF C), KHABIRO  
INDICATED THAT THE SOVIETS WERE AWARE OF PLANS  
FOR THE MEETING AND EXPECTED TO ATTEND. HE ADDED  
THAT HE HAD HEARD THAT MINISTER EVENSEN ALSO HOPED  
TO CONVENE A MEETING ON DISPUTE SETTLEMENT IN EARLY  
FEBRUARY, BUT HE (KHABIROV) WAS NOT SURE WHAT THE  
STATUS OF THIS PROPOSAL WAS.  
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